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THE HEDGEHOG

--IS BACK
FROM OUTER
SPACE!



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Home
Part 1 of 4

DIRECT EDITION

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THE HEDGEHOG

...Believed he'd purchased a one-way ticket to hedgehog heaven when he chose to save planet Mobius from annihilation by sacrificing his life.

Though he successfully saved Mobius, instead of buying the farm Sonic was miraculously propelled hundreds of thousands of light years across the universe to a distant galaxy.

For the past several weeks, he's traveled the cosmic space-ways in an attempt to return to the loved ones he left behind...friends and family who believe him dead.

Along the way he's confronted his dark side, been worshiped as a deity, defeated an entity capable of destroying whole planets, and learned of Mobius' secret history.

Now, for the fastest hero alive, the journey has ended...

...Or has it?



HOME

PART 1 OF 4

"THE BLUE BLUR RETURNS!"



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IT MAY HAVE
TAKEN A WHILE
GETTING HERE...

...BUT I FINALLY
MADE IT BACK
TO MOBIUS
WHERE I
BELONG...



... AND BOY,
DOES IT
FEEL GREAT!

AH, THE GREEN
BRANCHES...
THE WARM
SUN... THE...

SMEK



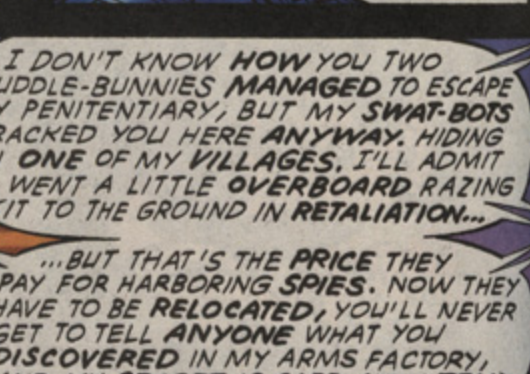
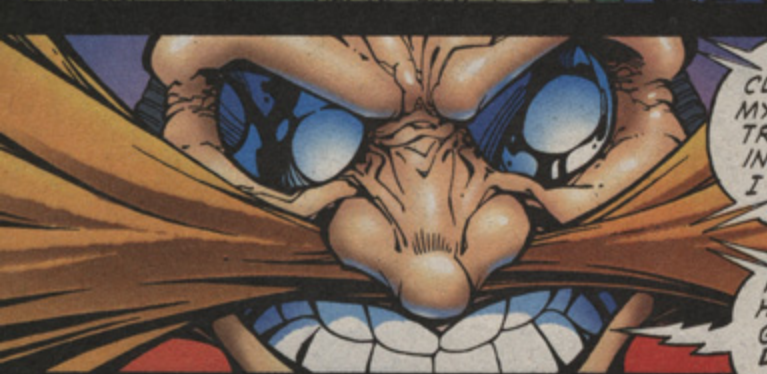
... THICK,
BLACK
SMOKE?

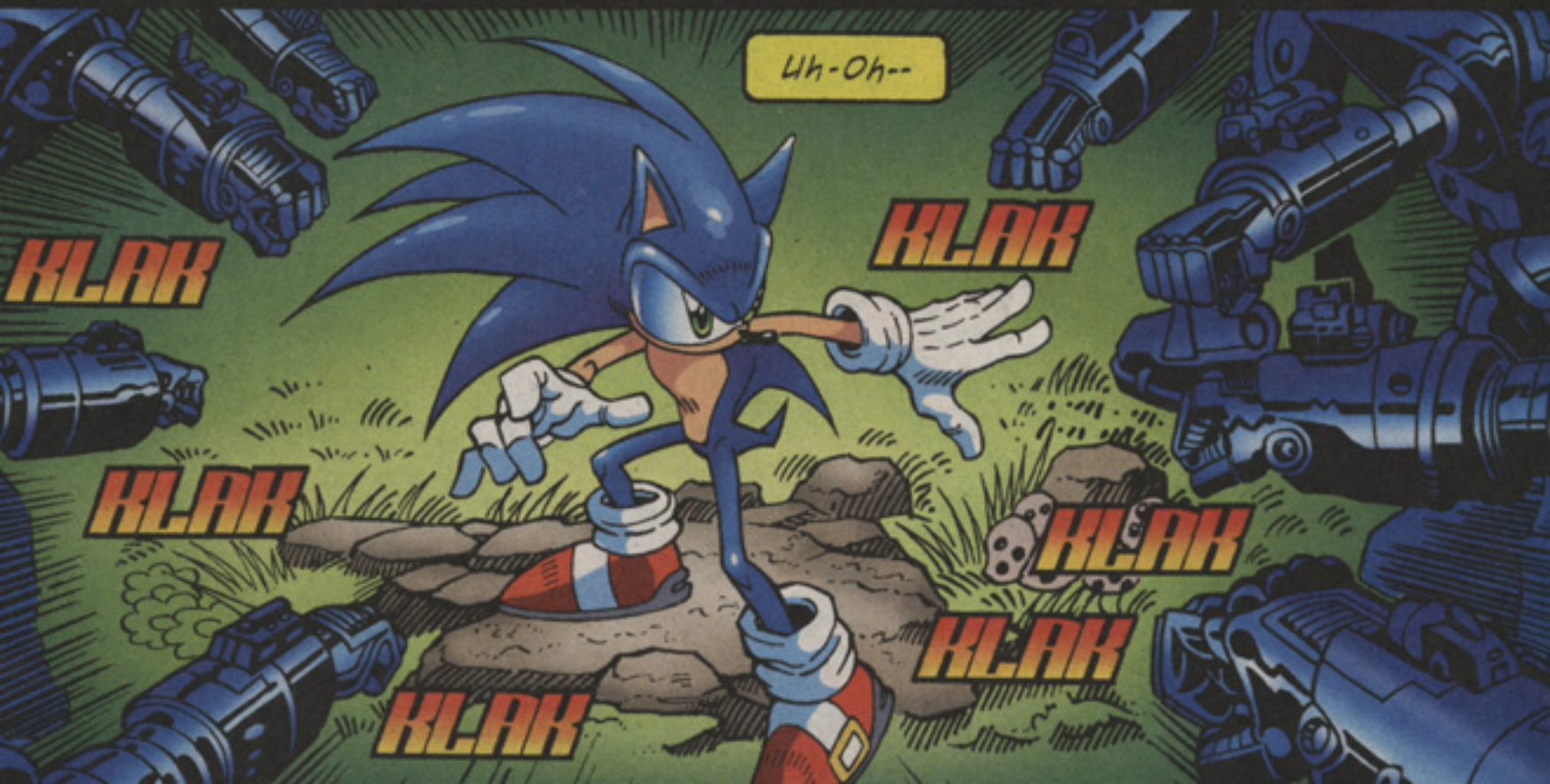
COMING FROM
JUST BEYOND
THOSE TREES.



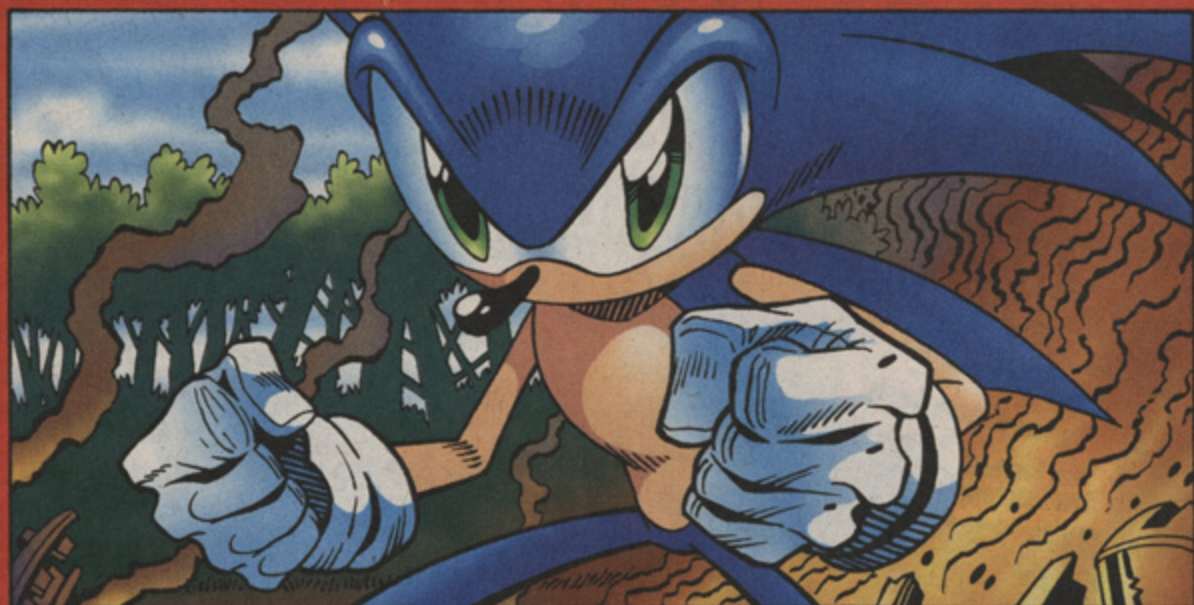
I'D BETTER
CHECK IT
OUT.

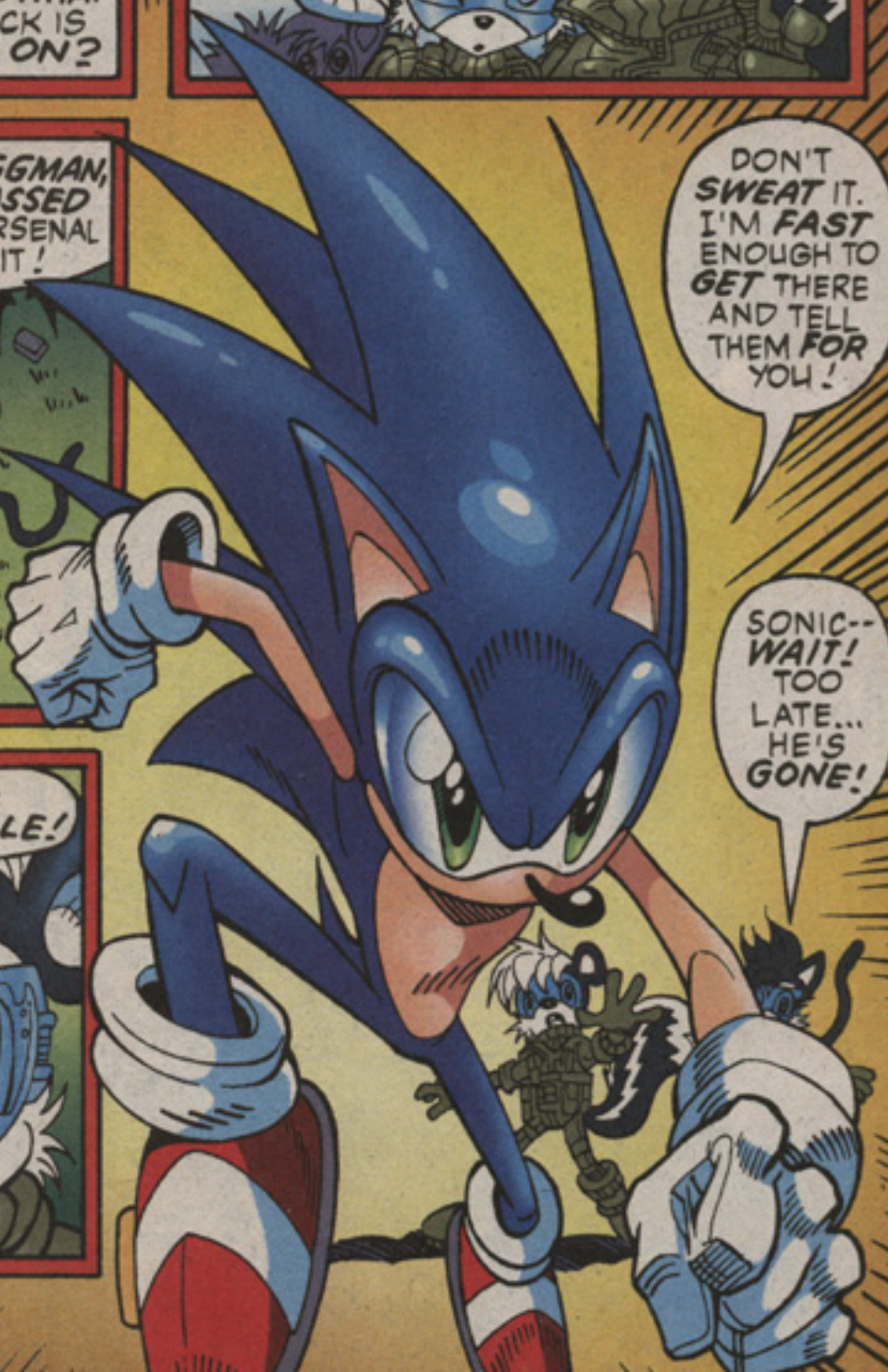
FAST.











NEW MEGAOPOLIS— CAPITAL OF THE EGGMAN EMPIRE

I DON'T GET IT,
M.! WHAT JUST
HAPPENED?

WE'VE APPARENTLY
LOST OUR LIVE
VIDEO FEED,
FATHER.

BUT, WHAT
ABOUT ST. JOHN AND
HERSHEY? HAVE THEY
BEEN EFFECTIVELY
RUBBED OUT?

A.D.A.M.,--
YOU CONTROL
ALL OF MY
SWAT-BOT
UNITS!
I NEED
ANSWERS!



THE ENTIRE
PHALANX
HAS BEEN
DESTROYED,
FATHER.



THIS WAS
THE LAST
RECORDED
IMAGE.

OH, ME. DEEP
BREATHS.

OH, MY.
REMAIN
CALM.



OH, DEAR.
NOT REALLY
WORKING.

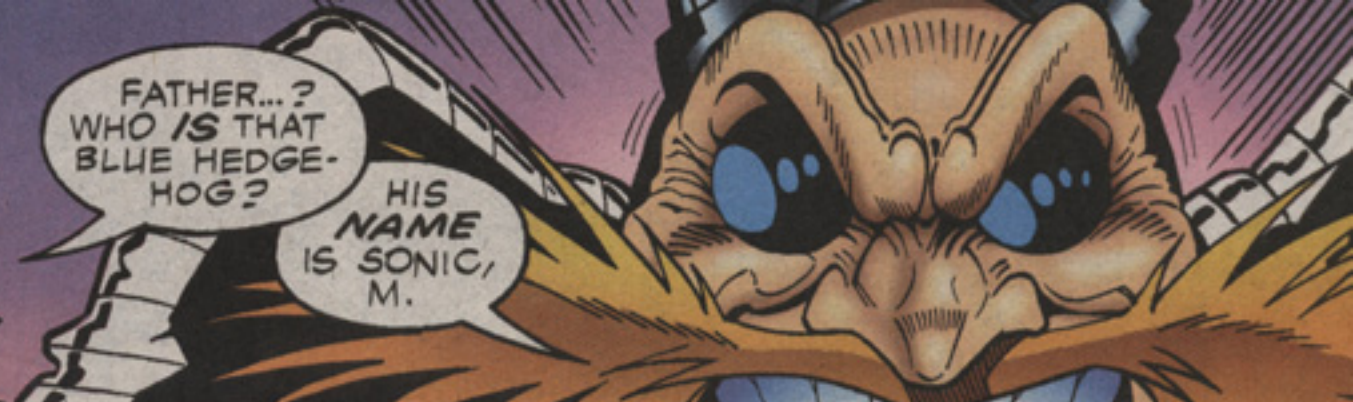
GAAAAAAH!



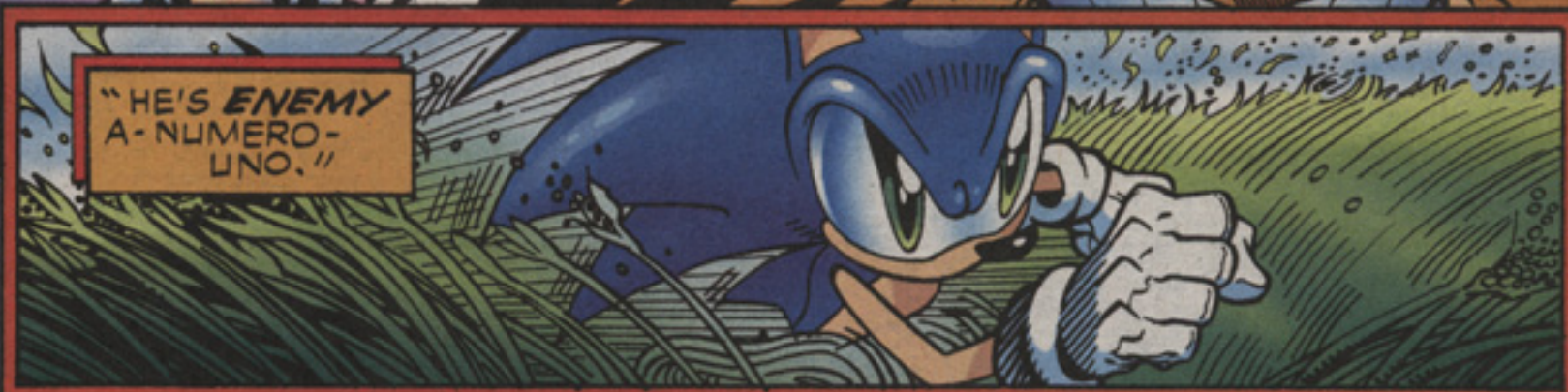


FATHER...?
WHO IS THAT
BLUE HEDGE-
HOG?

HIS
NAME
IS SONIC,
M.



"HE'S *ENEMY*
A-NUMERO-
UNO."



A *THORN* IN MY
SIDE WHO'S HALTED
EVERY STEP I'VE
EVER MADE
TOWARD GLOBAL
DOMINATION.



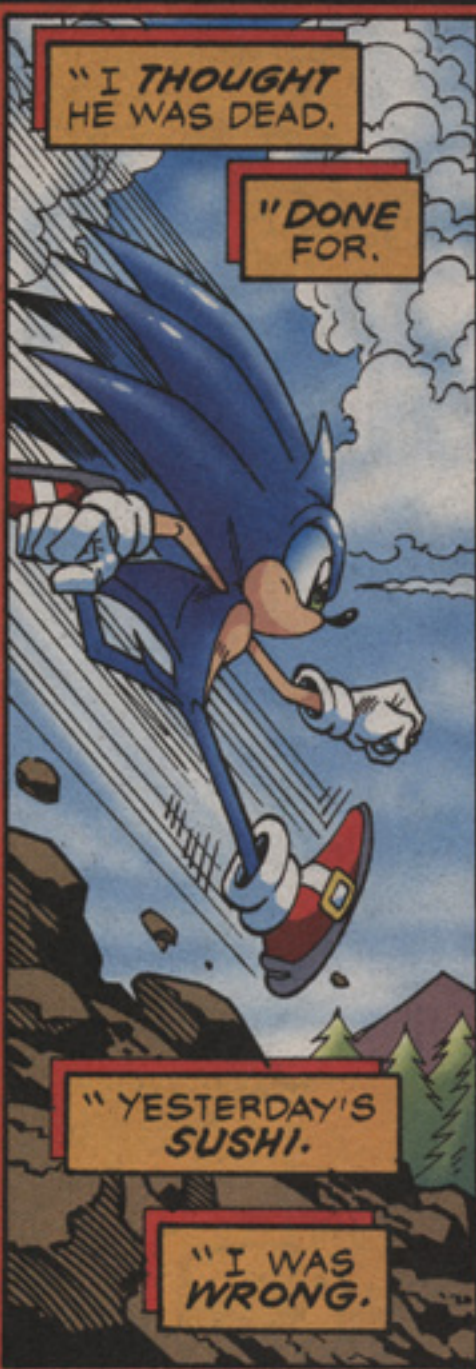
WHY ARE THERE
NO EXISTING *FILES*
ON HIM?

WHY,
I *DELETED*
THEM!



"I *THOUGHT*
HE WAS DEAD.

"*DONE*
FOR.



"YESTERDAY'S
SUSHI.

"I WAS
WRONG.

"I *HATE*
BEING
WRONG...

"...BUT MAKE
NO *MISTAKE*,
M. I HATE THAT
HEDGEHOG
EVEN *MORE*!"

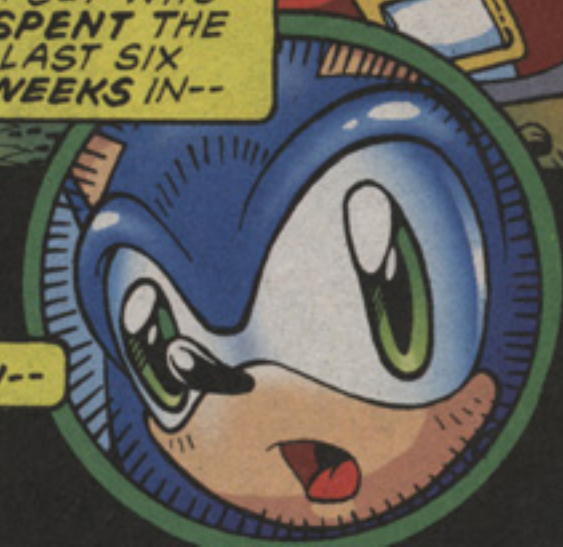


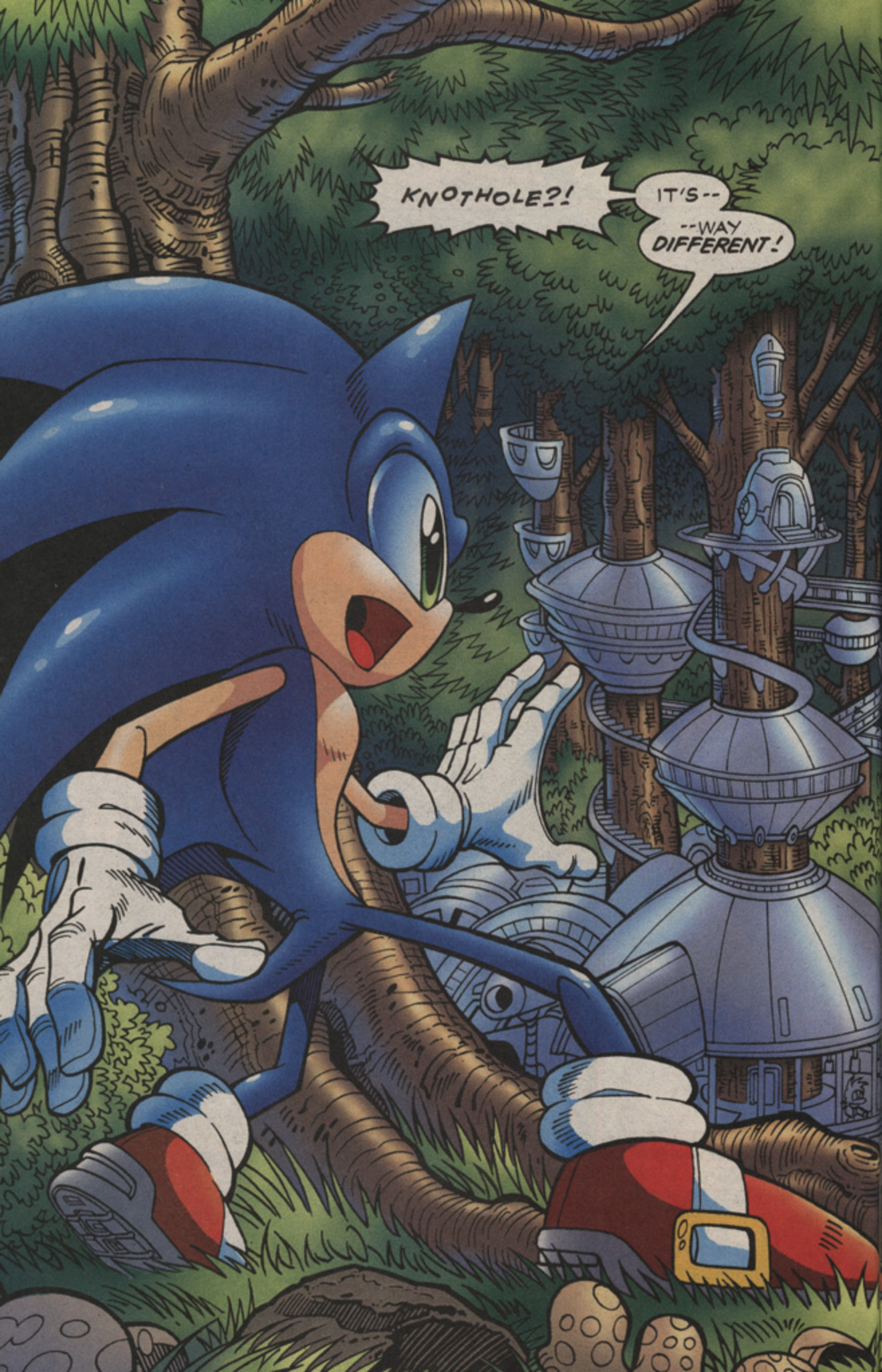
THE *GREAT*
FOREST IN
UNDER AN
HOURL.

NOT BAD FOR
A GUY WHO
SPENT THE
LAST SIX
WEEKS IN--



--IN--



A full-page comic book illustration of Sonic the Hedgehog. He is shown from the waist up, leaning forward with a shocked expression, his mouth wide open. He has his hands raised in front of him. He is wearing his signature blue suit with white gloves and shoes. The background is a dense forest with large, gnarled trees. In the background, there is a complex mechanical structure made of silver, bowl-like components and pipes, resembling a giant coffee machine or a futuristic water dispenser. A small, white, cup-like object is floating in the air near the structure. Two speech bubbles are present: one from Sonic and another from an unseen character.

KNOTHOLE?!

**IT'S--
--WAY
DIFFERENT!**





DIDN'T **THINK** TO ASK
GEOFF AND HERSH
HOW **LONG** I'VE
BEEN AWAY.

I JUST NATURALLY
ASSUMED THE
SAME AMOUNT OF
TIME HAD PASSED
HERE AS IN
OUTER SPACE.



SAY, KID, WHAT **DAY** IS
TODAY?

W-WEDNESDAY...

HOW...



... HOW **LONG** HAS IT
BEEN SINCE WE BEAT
THE XORDA?

IT'S-- IT'S
BEEN ONE
YEAR.

ONE... YEAR?

BUT
HOW...?

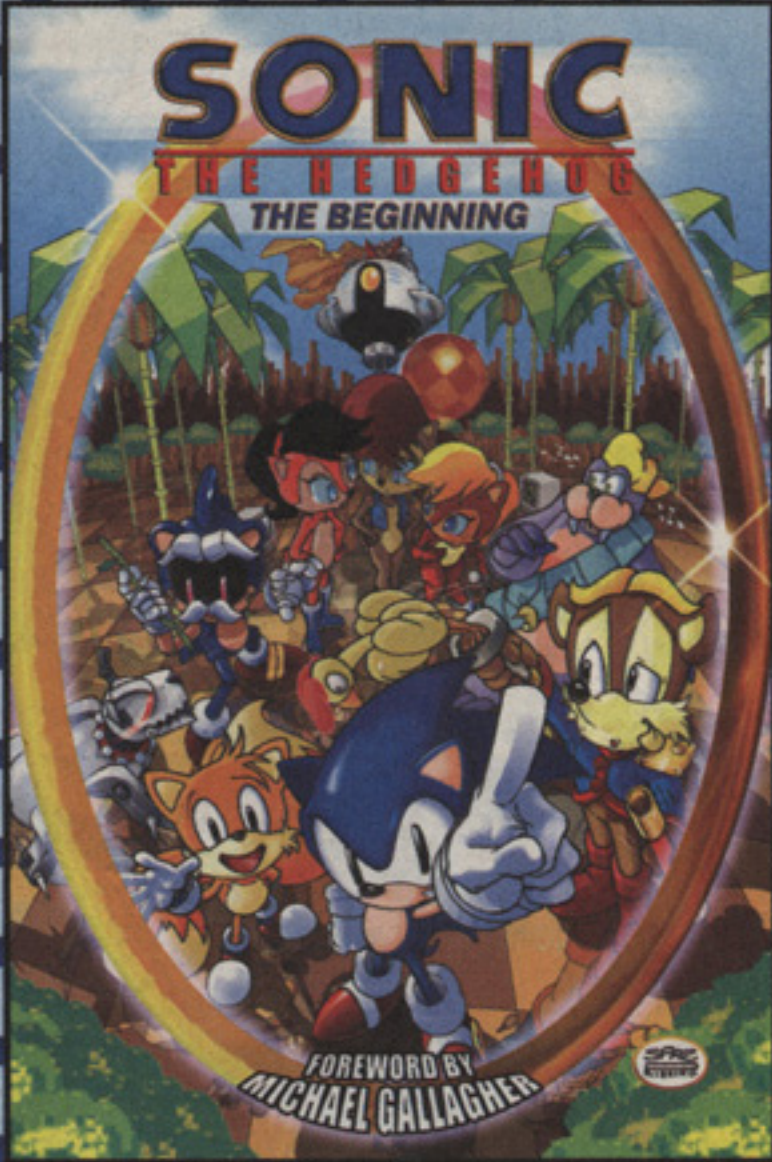


I
NEED
TO SPEAK
WITH THE
KING
ASAP.

CASTLE
ACORN'S
THAT
WAY!

THANKS,
KID.





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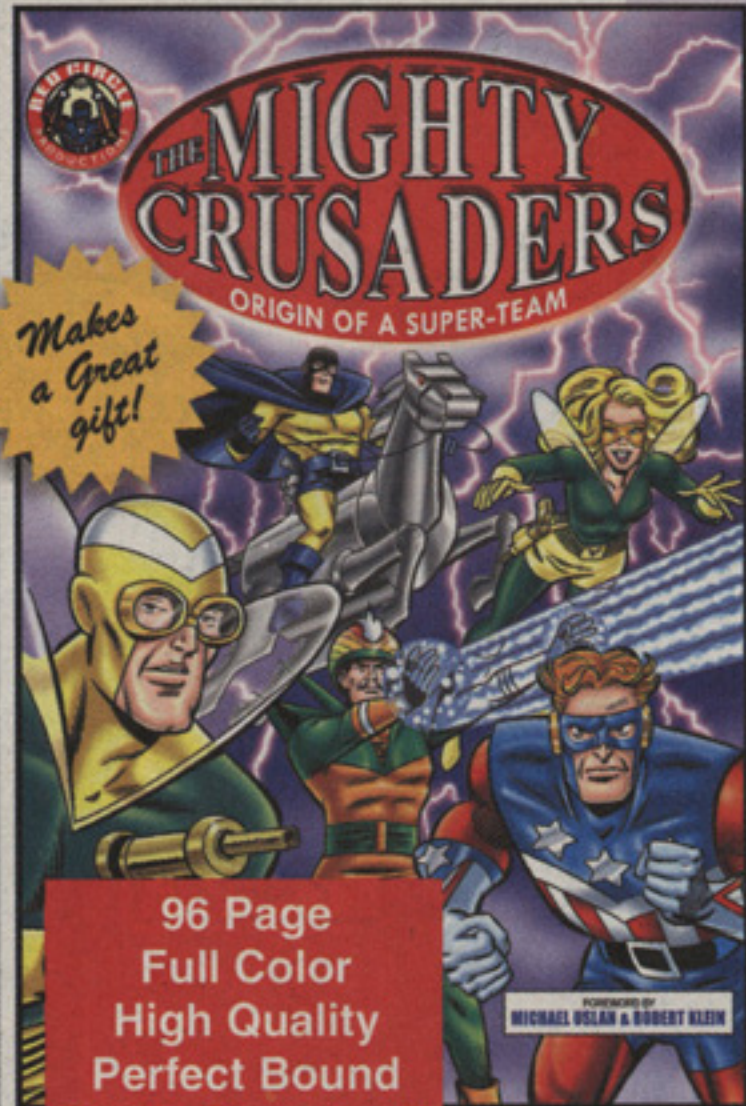
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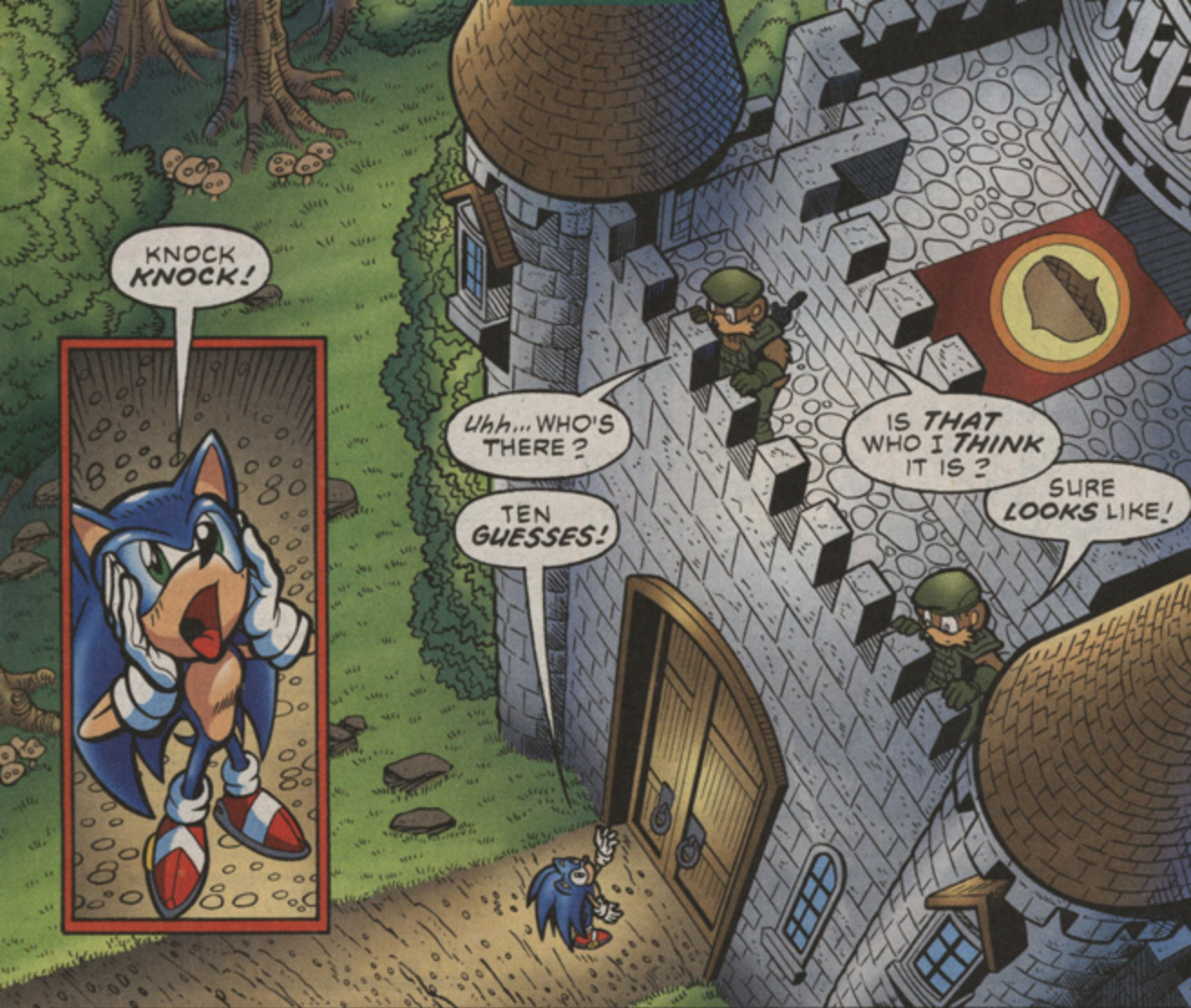
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KNOCK KNOCK!

Uhh... WHO'S THERE?

TEN GUESSES!

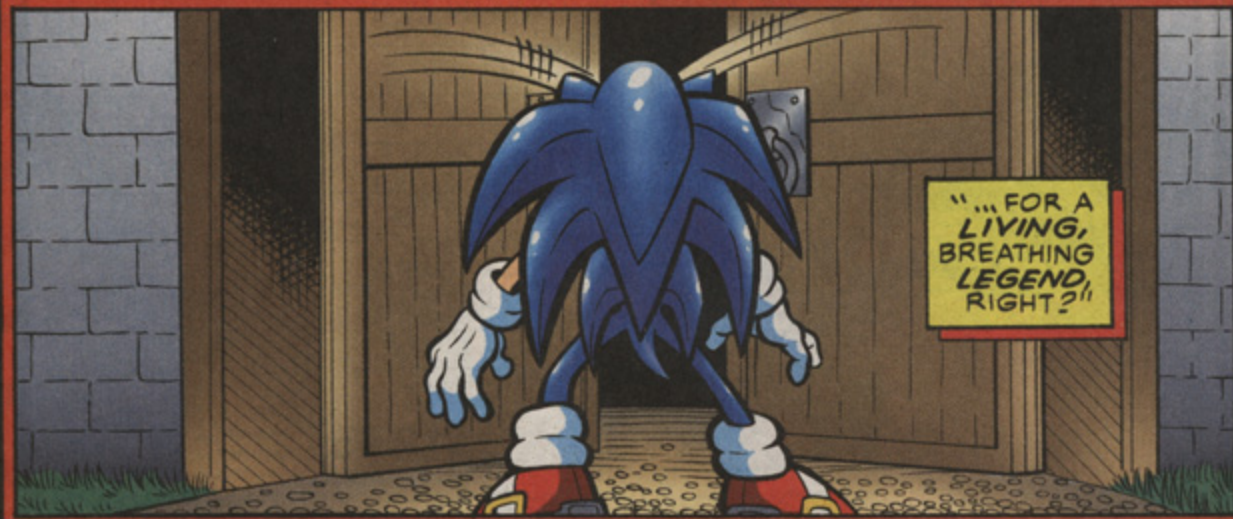
IS THAT WHO I THINK IT IS?

SURE LOOKS LIKE!

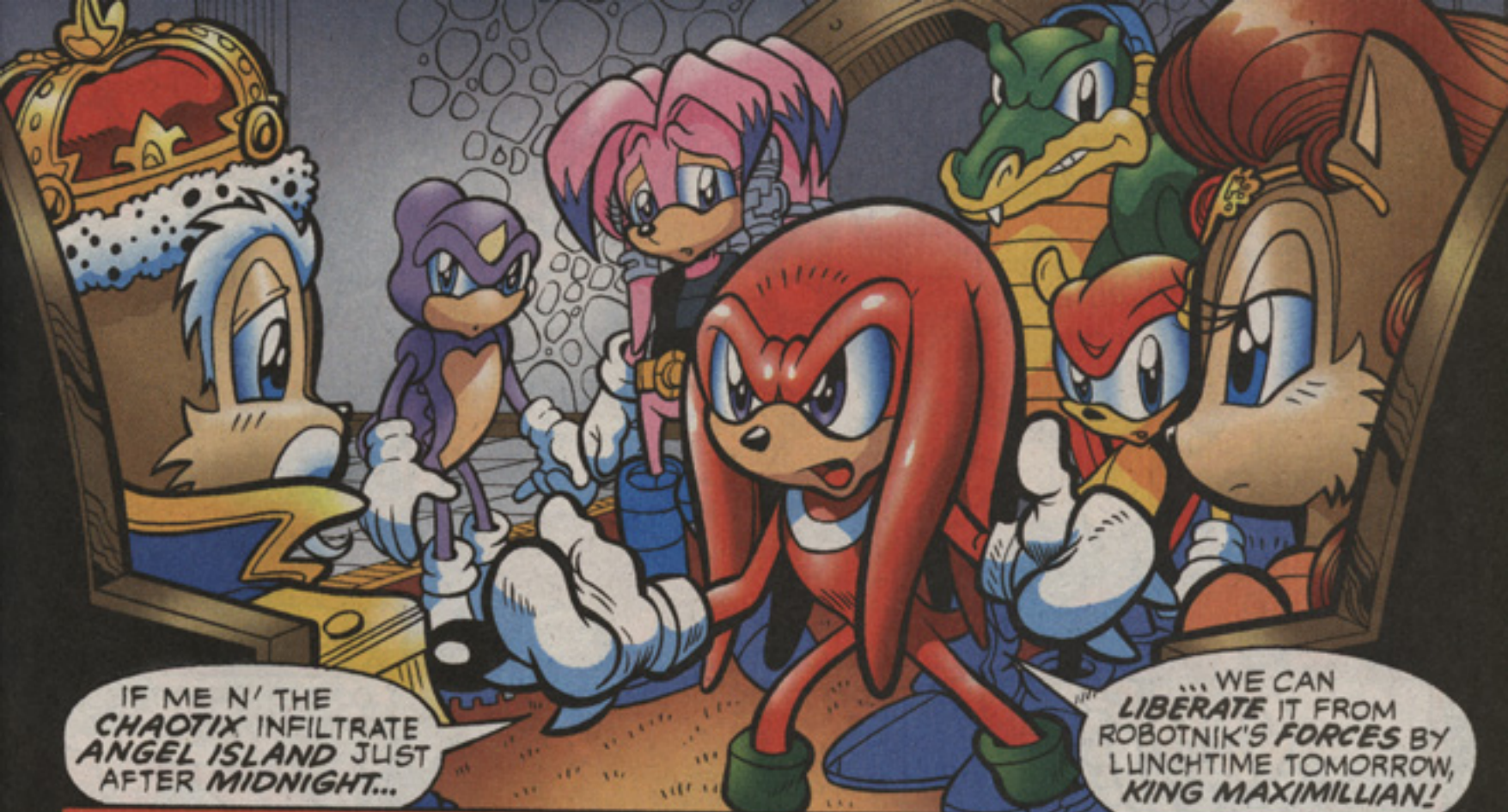
BUT IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE!

SHOULD WE LET HIM IN?

I SUPPOSE IT'S THE LEAST WE CAN DO...



"...FOR A LIVING, BREATHING LEGEND, RIGHT?"



IF ME N' THE
CHAOTIX INFILTRATE
ANGEL ISLAND JUST
AFTER MIDNIGHT...

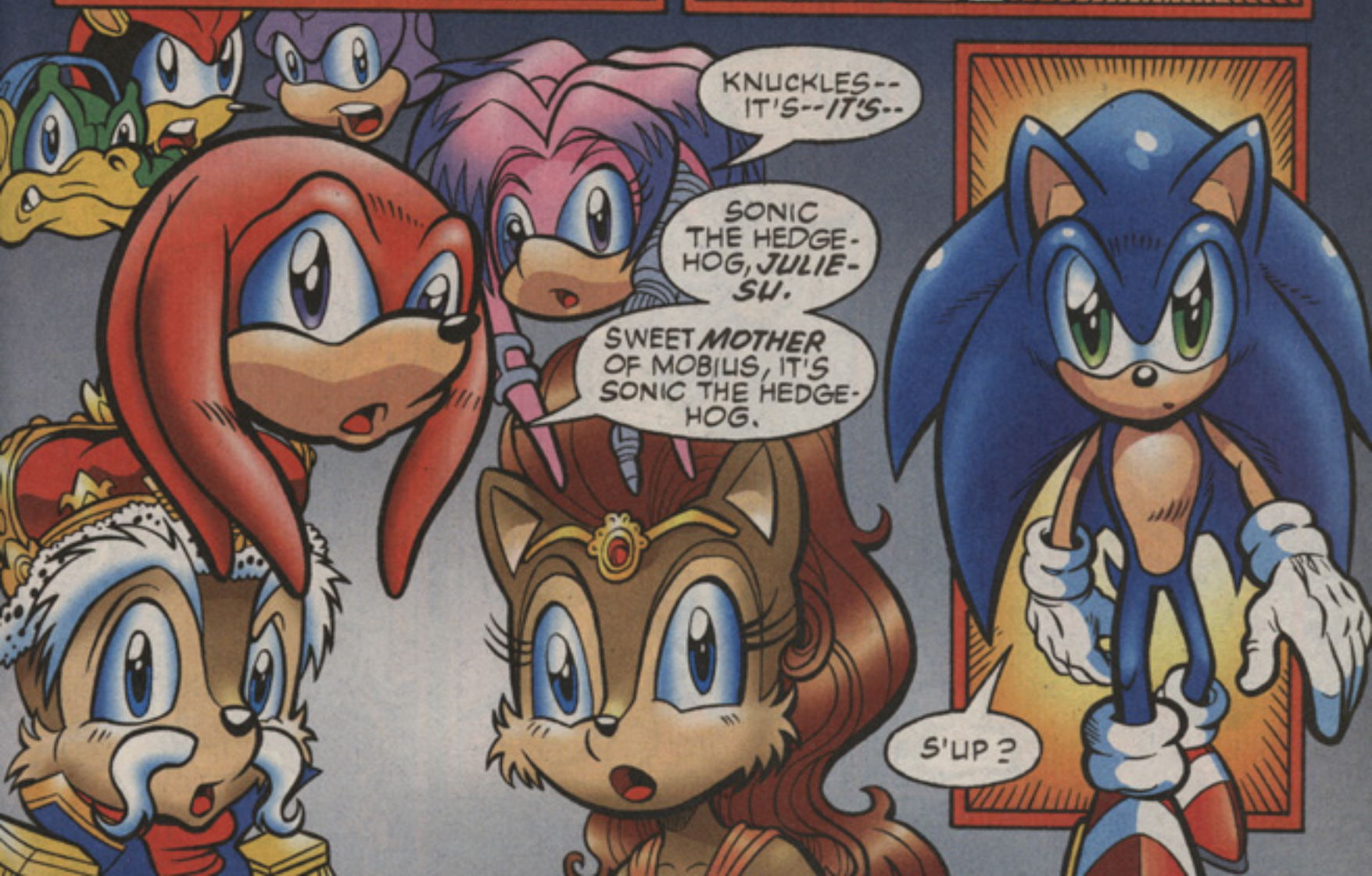
... WE CAN
LIBERATE IT FROM
ROBOTNIK'S FORCES BY
LUNCHTIME TOMORROW,
KING MAXIMILLIAN!

I'M SORRY, **KNUCKLES**,
BUT WE HAVE TO **DENY**
YOUR REQUEST AT THIS
TIME. **KNOTHOLE CITY**
REQUIRES YOUR **PRES-**
ENCE A BIT LONGER.

I'M IN AGREEMENT WITH **QUEEN**
ALICIA, LAD. WE KNOW THAT
ROBOTNIK'S **HATCHING** A NEW
PLAN UP NORTH IN **NEW**
MEGAOPOLIS...

WE JUST **DON'T**
KNOW WHAT IT
IS.

OH,
YES WE
DO.

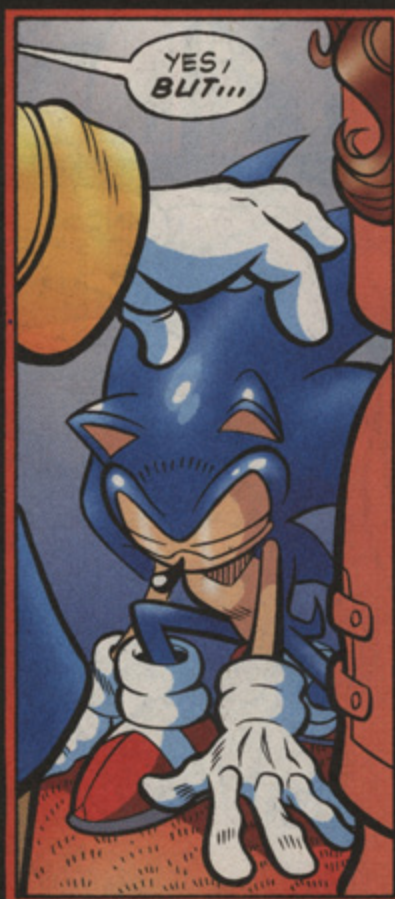
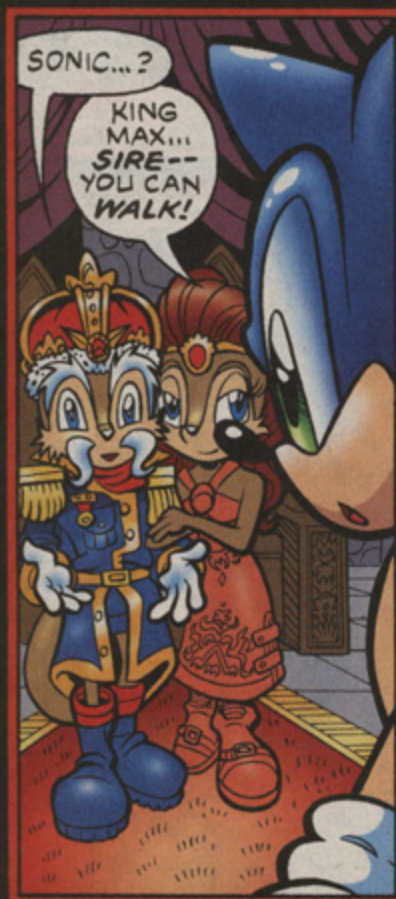
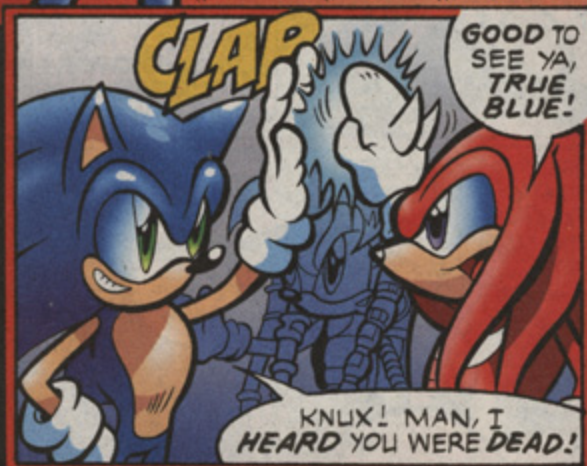
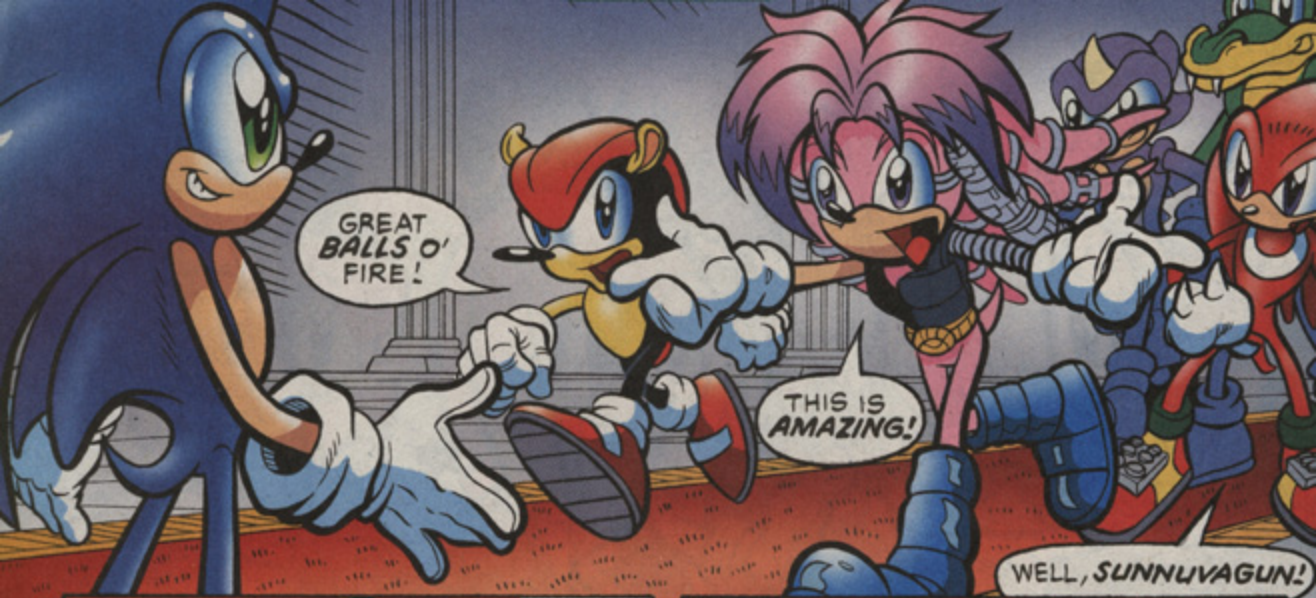


KNUCKLES--
IT'S--IT'S--

SONIC
THE **HEDGE-**
HOG, **JULIE-**
SU.

SWEET MOTHER
OF **MOBIUS**, IT'S
SONIC THE HEDGE-
HOG.

S'UP?



THAT *MANIAC* COULD HAVE AS *LITTLE* AS TWO OR AS *MANY* AS TWO HUNDRED *RIGHT* AT HIS *FINGERTIPS*.

IT'S *STILL* TOO EARLY TO *TELL*.

GEEZ.

I *FEARED* IT WOULD *COME* TO THIS.

SONIC?! IS IT *REALLY* YOU?! I THOUGHT THE *GUARDS* HAD LOST THEIR *MINDS*!

UNCLE CHUCK?

UNCLE CHUCK!!
SONNY BOY!

HOW ARE YOU *DOIN'*?!
HOW ARE YOU *DOING*?

HOW AM I *DOING*?
HOW ARE YOU *DOING*?

NEVER FELT *BETTER* IN MY *LIFE*. WHERE'S *MOM* N' *DAD*?

I'LL *SEND* FOR THEM *AT ONCE*!

WHICH *BRINGS* ME TO MY *NEXT* BIG *QUESTION*...

...WHERE'S *SAL*?







LOOKS LIKE THE RUMORS ARE ON THE **MONEY**, BOYS!

SONIC'S **BACK** FROM THE GRAVE AFTER ONE **WHOLE** YEAR!

AND GETTING **HOT** AND **HEAVY** WITH **PRINCESS SALLY ACORN** TO **BOOT**!

SOUNDS LIKE FRONT PAGE **MATERIAL**, IF YOU ASK **ME**!



WHO...?

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WOULD YOU **ALLOW** THE **ROYAL COUPLE** A **MOMENT OF PRIVACY**?

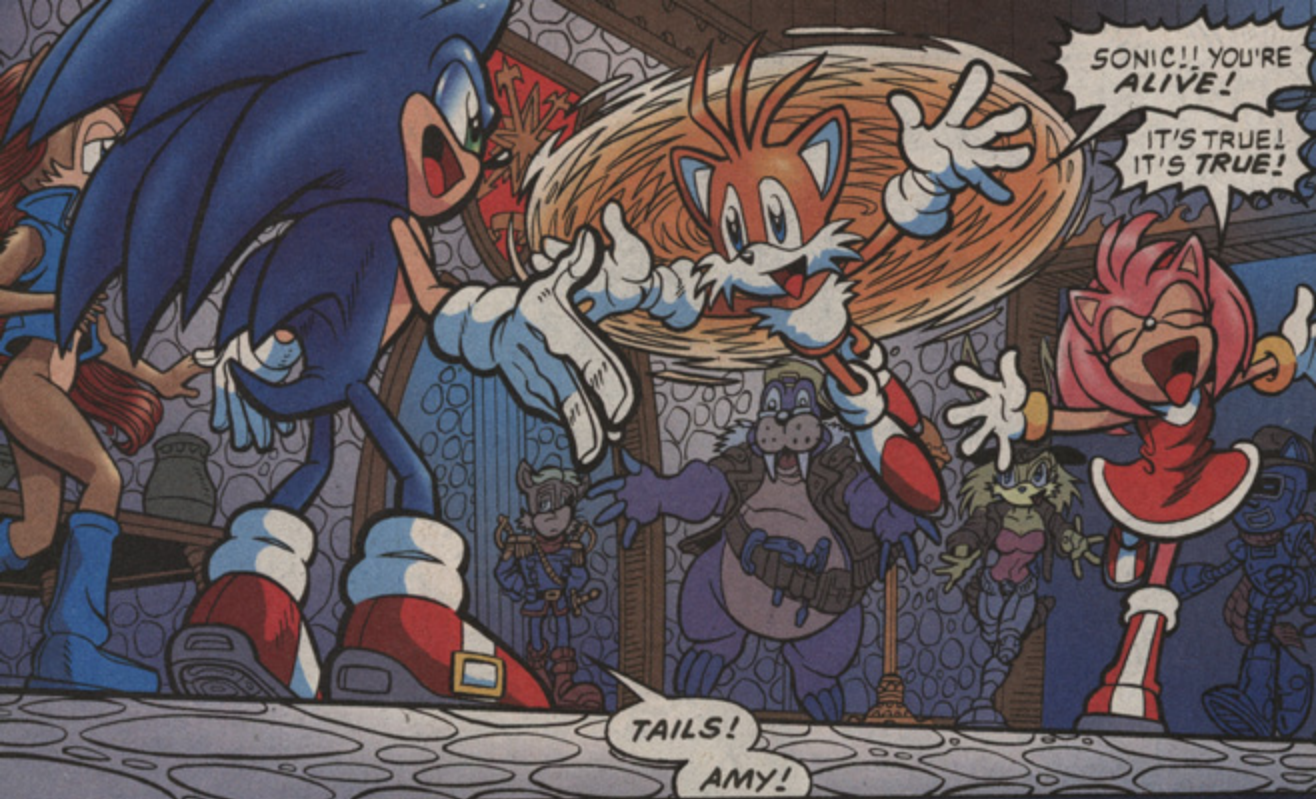
WHERE WERE YOU **RAISED**? IN A **KENNEL**?

SO, **SAL**, **AREN'T** YOU GOING TO **SAY** YOU THOUGHT I WAS **DEAD**? OR, ASK HOW I **SURVIVED**?

I **KNEW** YOU'D COME **BACK** TO ME, **SONIC**...

NO.

... IT WAS **ONLY** A **MATTER OF TIME**.

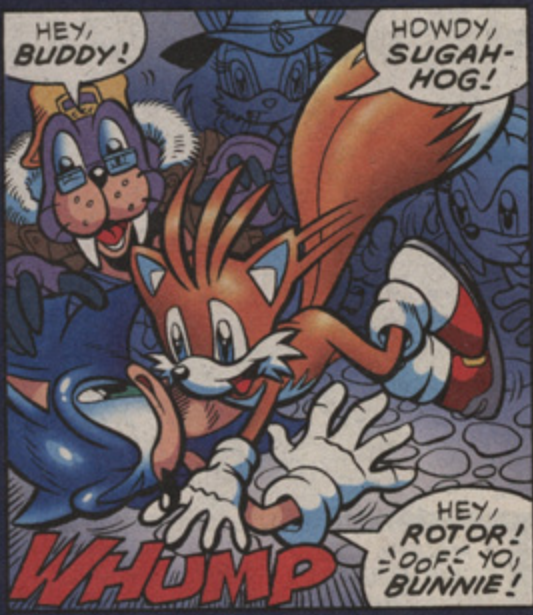


SONIC!! YOU'RE ALIVE!

IT'S TRUE!
IT'S TRUE!

TAILS!

AMY!



HEY, BUDDY!

HOWDY, SUGA-HOG!

HEY, ROTOR!
=OOFF= YO, BUNNIE!

WHUMP



OH, JULES-- IT'S A MIRACLE!

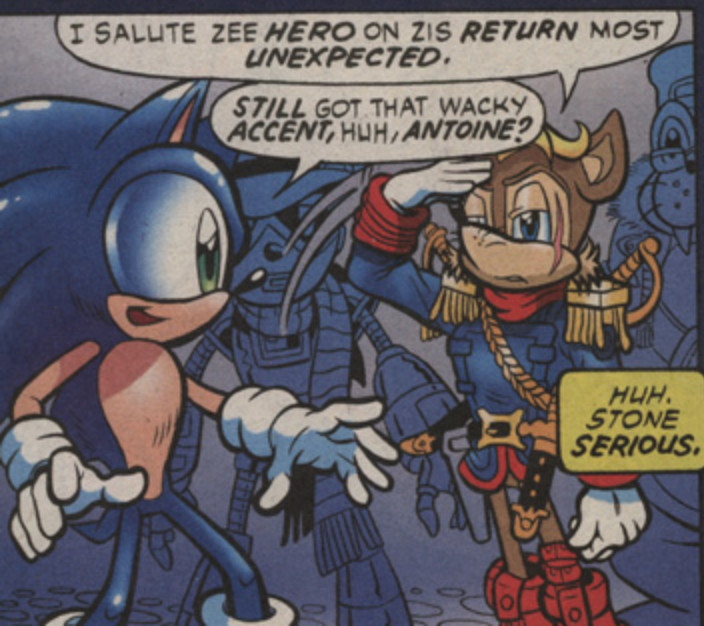
NEED A HAND, SON?

PUT 'ER THERE, POP!



OH, SONIC, WE'VE MISSED YOU SO MUCH!

I MISSED YOU, TOO, MOM!



I SALUTE ZEE HERO ON ZIS RETURN MOST UNEXPECTED.

STILL GOT THAT WACKY ACCENT, HUH, ANTOINE?

HUH. STONE SERIOUS.



I WONDER WHAT HAPPENED TO MAKE ANT SO GRIM N' GRITTY?

AND HOW'D HE GET THAT WAY WICKED SCAR?

CASTLE ACORN— COMMAND CENTRAL



WHAT
THE
HECK
IS
THAT?

I CALL IT THE
"TECHNOLO-
TREE"--

--A TELECOMMUNICA-
TIONS PORT WITH SATELLITE
UPLINK--WE CAN INTERFACE
TO SPEAK WITH ANYONE
ON THE GLOBE!

GOOD DAY,
MR. PRESIDENT.

THAT'S
NOT WHAT
THEY'RE SAYING IN
STATION SQUARE,
MAX.

G.U.N.,
OUR CORPORATE
MILITARY IS URGING
A PREEMPTIVE
STRIKE AGAINST
NEW MEGA-
OPOLIS.

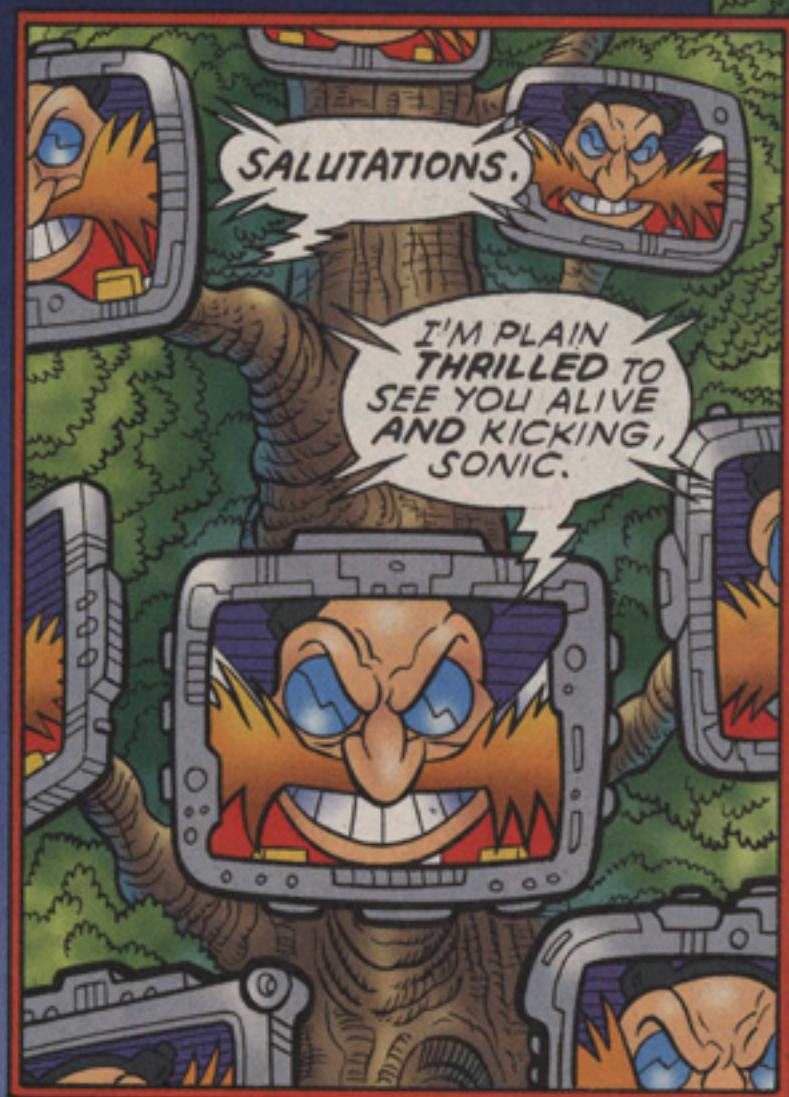
UNACCEPTABLE. THOUSANDS
WOULD PERISH.

G.U.N.
IS CALLING IT
"COLLATERAL
DAMAGE."

THERE'S *GOTTA*
BE ANOTHER WAY,
AND I'M ALL FOR
FINDING IT!

GLAD TO HAVE
YOU BACK, SONIC, BUT
YOU'RE *SERIOUSLY* OUT
OF THE LOOP. ROBOTNIK'S
PLAYING *HARDBALL*.
MAYBE IT'S TIME WE
PLAYED--

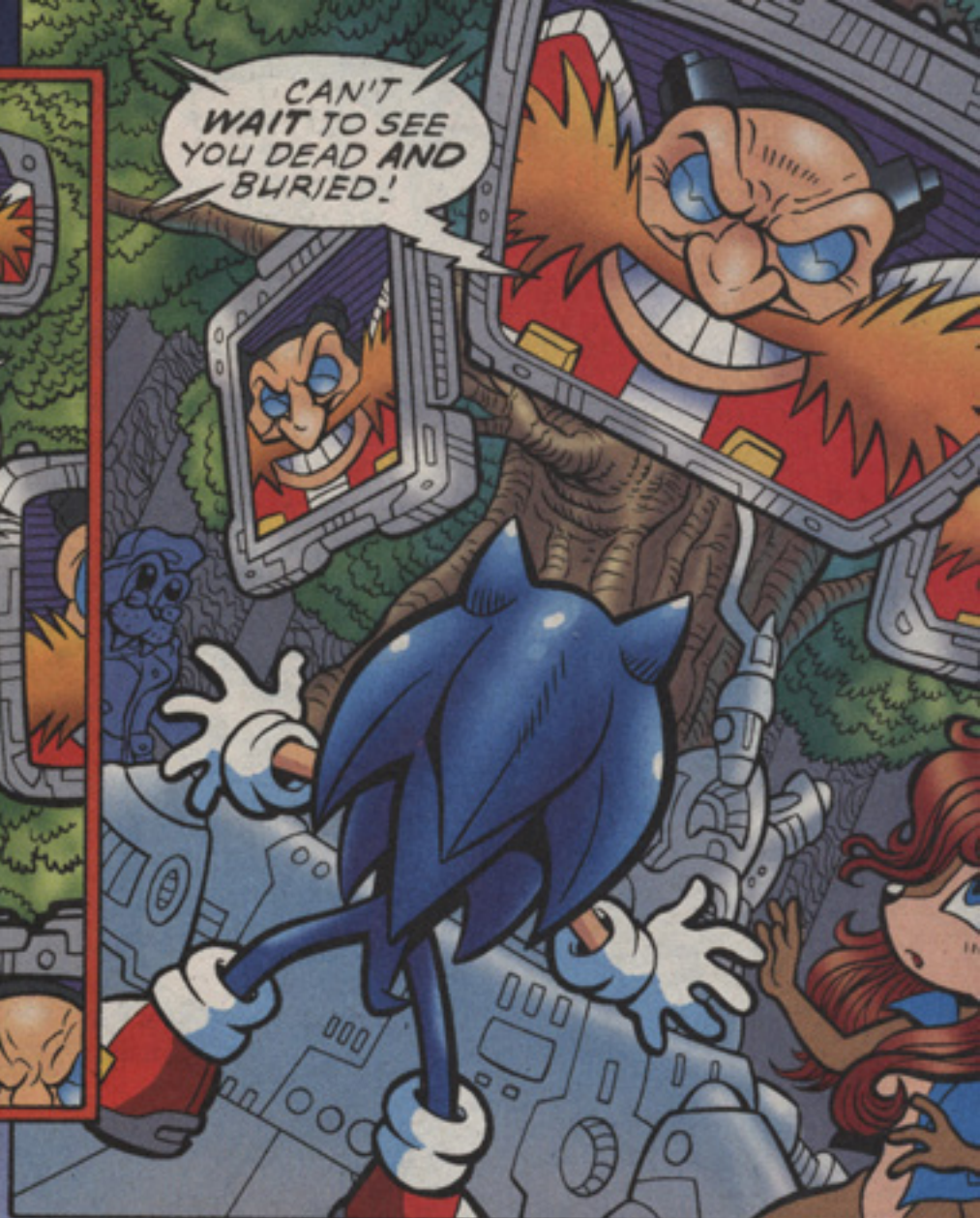




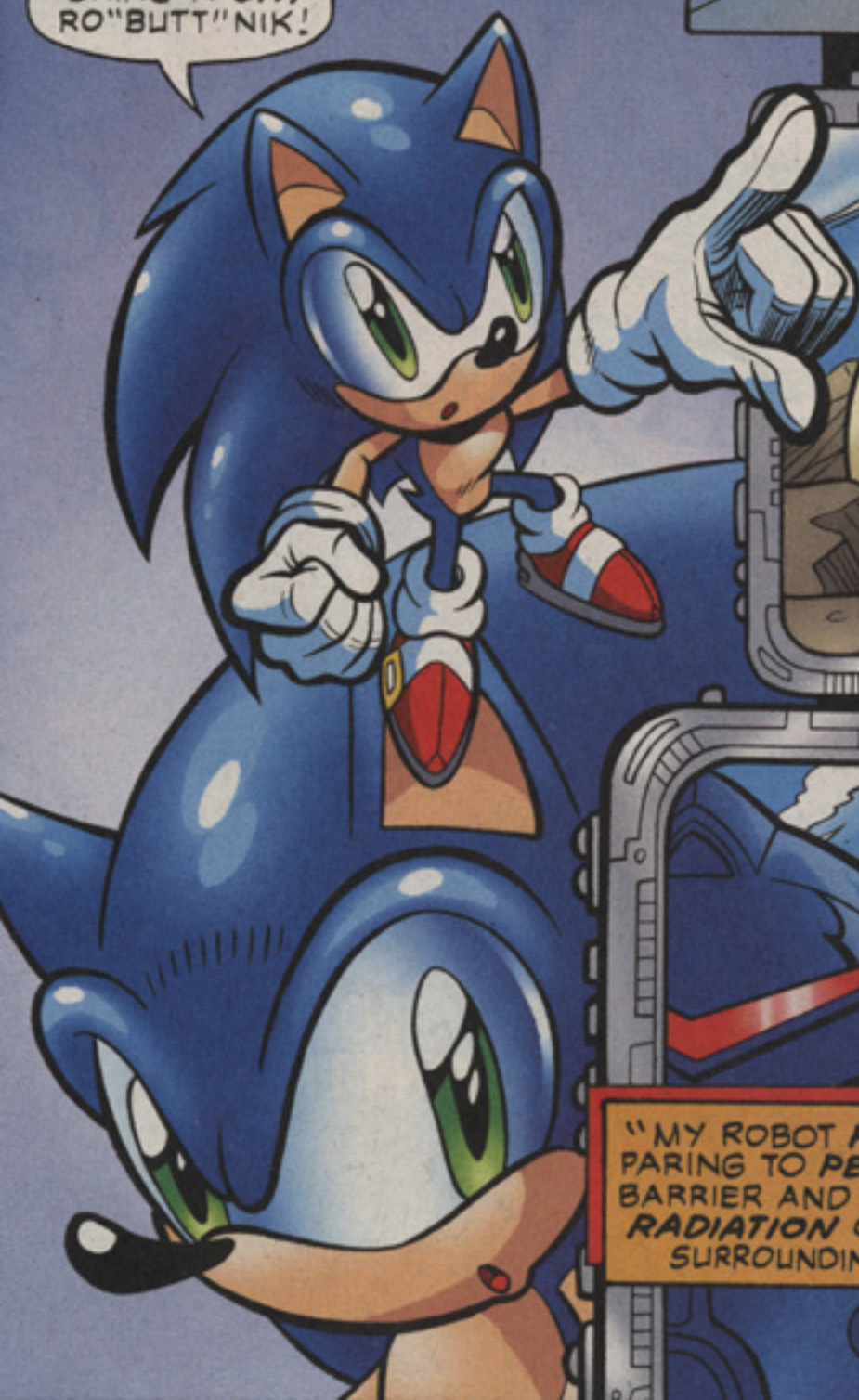
SALUTATIONS.

**I'M PLAIN
THRILLED TO
SEE YOU ALIVE
AND KICKING,
SONIC.**

**CAN'T
WAIT TO SEE
YOU DEAD AND
BURIED!**



**BRING IT ON,
RO"BU"TT"NIK!**



**"OH, I INTEND TO, RODENT.
OBSERVE THE IRRADIATED CITY
ROBOTROPOLIS--SAFE INSIDE A
PROTECTIVE FORCE FIELD."**

**"MY ROBOT HORDE IS PRE-
PARING TO PENETRATE THAT
BARRIER AND RELEASE THE
RADIATION ON YOUR
SURROUNDING HABITAT."**



OLD MEGAOPOLIS HARBOR

BUT, WAIT
IT GETS
BETTER, RIGHT
BEHIND ME,
THERE ARE
TWO ATOMIC
WARHEAD
MISSILES!

ONE IS
AIMED AT KNOT-
HOLE CITY, THE
OTHER IS
TARGETING
STATION
SQUARE.

I CALL IT
OPERATION!
TRIPLE
THREAT!

CAN
YOU TACKLE
IT?

TO BE
CONTINUED!



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SEGA-GRAZOS

THIS JUST IN!

Last month, I had told you about Sonic X and how we were going to try to meld it into the framework of our continuity. It's a tricky thing, but we've accomplished it to the best of our abilities... especially with our game adaptations (i.e. Sonic Triple Trouble, Sonic Adventure 1 & 2, etc.). Our goal at times was not so much to retell the story set in the game but to give you the behind the scenes, the side stories the game does not get into. Our plans remain the same when it concerns Sonic X. Rather than retell the animation series episode by episode, we will offer you another side to those stories. Of course, that's easier said than done. So stay tuned to future editorials for more on Sonic X in the Sonic comic. May the "Need for Speed" be with you... Jg

Sonic The Hedgehog # 131,

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SWIFT BY MAIL

One final bit of business before we get to this month's latest mail from you guys. To all those who wrote and asked "Well, what about Knuckles?," as you can see, he's fully entrenched in Sonic's world in the main stories. So what happened to the back-up feature? For that, what can I say but to get ready for our next issue as we blow down the doors with the opening chapter of "MOBIUS: 25 YEARS LATER" featuring Knuckles, Julie-Su, and a whole bunch of familiar as well as new faces. As the title suggests, even King Sonic himself (that's right, King) eventually gets in on the action (though not for a few more issues). And for all our new readers, trust me when I say you won't be lost, as all you'll need to know is established from the get-go. And while you're waiting for SONIC #131 to hit the stands, you can take the time and let us know what you thought of this issue. That said, let's see what you had to say about previous issues like...

Dear Sonic-Grams,

I'm an elementary library aide in a rural school district and a new reader of Sonic (two issues now!). I picked up Sonic because I'm always looking for new reading material for my students and Sonic #127 just kind of leaped off the rack at me - the fact that a new TV show was coming on that would increase the possibility of the kids recognizing it helped.

Anyway, I just wanted to tell you Sonic is very popular here. The first issue I put out is continually going out and the one I have on my desk getting ready for circulation has already attracted quite a bit of interest. I can't tell you why the kids like him, but I know why I do. The art is fantastic. It says a lot all by itself. The story is also intriguing. The worlds he's visiting right now and the aliens he meets are really interesting. Is there more about Xenocanaris in other issues? I'd like to see more of it. And it doesn't look like that's possible now. Even though I haven't followed Sonic I feel like he's an old friend.

So thanks for the great comic. I'll be on the lookout for more Sonic for the kids and myself from now on.

A New Fan, Penny L. Kenny

I've been on the book a long time, and I think I can say without hesitation that this is the first time the Sonic comic's received mail from an adult acknowledging using Sonic in the schools. In the interests of promoting future readers, if you can send us the address to your school, there's a pretty good chance a Sonic care package will be winging its way to all those young readers. Happy holidays.

Dear Sonic Zoo-crew,

This is my first time e-mailing, and all I want to say is that issue #126 was the best I've read. I guess it is because I only have issues #126, #127, and #128. I also have a SONIC AND KNUCKLES one from way back in 1999 or sometime around that.

You know the drawing by Axer right after the cover for #128 was some wicked drawing. I haven't seen a lot of Spaz's art so far now, I think Axer is the best. I don't know much about what happened over the last hundred issues.

I've never seen Mina the Mongoose and the new stuff. One question I got for you guys is, WHAT WAS UP WITH THE BACK-UP STORY FOR ISSUE #127??????? That was one surprising comic. I never knew you guys would do something like that. Still, that back-up was good.

Thanks for keeping Sonic comics good even after all the things I've missed. I can't wait until #131 comes out. Knuckles is my favorite character. I haven't seen the new drawings of him, so the wait is a real killer. I can't wait to find out if he looks better or not. Hope you guys didn't mess up his new look. Thanks for keeping Sonic a great comic all this time!

Greg

P.S. I don't expect you to put this out on the comics. To tell you the truth, I wouldn't want you to. This is my first e-mail so I didn't know how I should have written it. Hope the letter isn't too weird for you. Hope you also know what I'm talking about on the SONIC AND KNUCKLES comic from way back in 1999. Sonic X is great. I hope you guys think the same of it, too.

Relax, Greg, you did fine for a first timer. Only next time get a bit more detailed about what you did or didn't like. It's those comments that really give us a clue what jazzes everyone out there and helps us make these books even more way past cool. Okay?

Hey guys,

I really enjoyed #128. The current story is one of the best that you have had while I've been reading (since about #50). Issue #125 was the best since #101 which should have been #100 because it was much better than the real #100.

Anyway, with Sonic video games coming to GameCube that should have given you enough "new readers" to satisfy your need. I think you guys have finally found the right track, keep it 2 stories max., and keep the stories going through more than just one issue. Please!

On a technical note... When Sonic found those Ruby emeralds on that one planet back in issue #126 there were only six. Sonic then began to think that he only needed six chaos emeralds to become Super Sonic? Where did he get this idea? Last time I checked it took seven chaos emeralds and 50 rings to do it. Now I know the Ruby emeralds could be different, but not the Chaos emeralds.

Thanks for reading this letter, and if you want to cut anything out to make it shorter go right ahead. A HUGE Sonic Fan, John Stetz

W h o o p s !

Guess we should stick Benny back in front of his Dreamcast and have him replay Sonic Adventure over and over so this doesn't happen again. Just kidding. In truth, Sonic was engaging in wishful thinking while caught in a desperate situation. Not knowing if the same rules applied to Chaos Rubies that did with Chaos Emeralds, he tried it and it worked. But as you know from reading the story, it didn't work the way he would've liked.

Anyway, about your other point, I sincerely believe the battle between catering to new readers and long-time loyalists like yourself is one that's constantly fought by the creative teams of any long-running series. With a continuity driven title like this one, it's trying to figure out how much info a newbie needs just to enjoy the story without making the regulars feel like they've bought a rerun. Most of the time we usually get the balance right, and when we don't it's not from a lack of trying.



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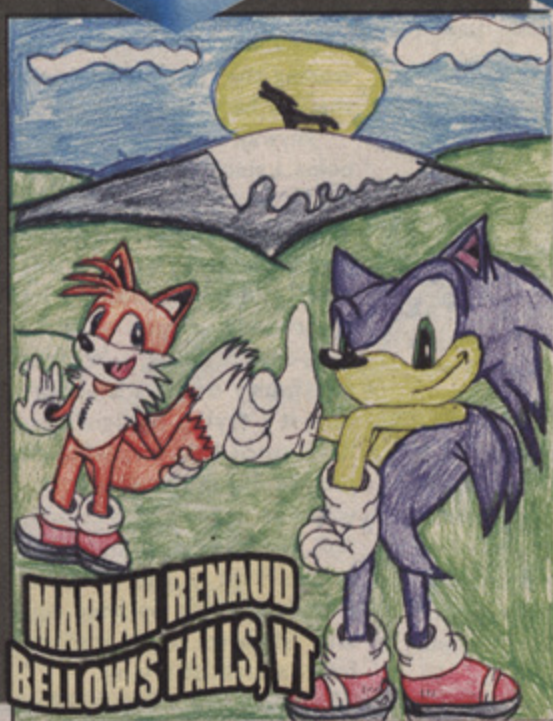


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